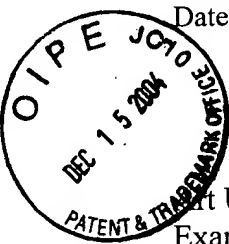


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Appeal Brief (17 pages including Claims Appendix) (in triplicate);
2. Check #19770 in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the Appeal Brief filing fee;
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Although applicants believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23239-301C). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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